

**Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board
Minutes**

January 28, 2004

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting convened at 1:32 p.m. (EST) on January 28, 2004 in Conference Room A of the Indiana Government Conference Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis.

Board members present were Chairman John R. Goss, Vice Chairman John J. Newman, ex-officio member Jon C. Smith, Harry L. Murphy, Andrew R. Seager, William L. Selm. Absent board members were Donald R. Cochran, Gayle T. Cook, Robert L. LaRue, and Barbara G. Trimble.

Staff members present were Karie A. Brudis, John L. Carr, Paul C. Diebold, Shelia M. Griffin, Frank D. Hurdis, Jr., Shana N. Kelso, Steven D. Kennedy, Malia D. Savarino, and Amy E. Walker.

Visitors present were Dan Aikins, Chris Baas, Vicki Basman, Charlotte M. Bass, Joellen Bye, Alan Conant, Tom Coulter, Donna Crawford, Mary Crowe, Sue Becher Gilliam, Glory-June Greiff, Shannon Hill, Fred Kelley, Kay Kelley, Tommy Kleckner, Jason Larrison, Charles Meyer, Lynda Meyer, Ted Miller, Pat Miller, Laura Minzes, Jay Reynolds, Greg Sekula, Steve Sperry, Erica Taylor, Ron Webb, Mark Young.

Chairman Goss introduced new board members Selm and Murphy. He then introduced the continuing members of the board and asked participating staff members to introduce themselves. Mr. Goss called for the approval of the minutes of the October 29, 2003 meeting. John Newman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

I. There was no Division Director's report.

II. State Certificates of Approval

Agenda items were taken out of order.

10. Request by the Indiana Department of Transportation for a certificate of approval to alter historic properties by road replacement and realignment of SR 59 from the east junction with SR 236 north to SR 47 at the Town of Waveland, in Montgomery and Parke counties, Indiana.

The Chairman called on Tommy Kleckner, Director of HLF's Western Regional Office, who indicated that he was helping Historic Waveland with the T. C. Steele National Register nomination and had authored the George Seybold House nomination. Kleckner expressed the concern that unanswered questions from the October meeting should be addressed before a decision is made. He noted that since October, the T. C. Steele Boyhood Home has been listed in the National Register and that since October, Federal Highways had instructed INDOT to complete six environmental analyses. Kleckner stated that to grant a C of A until the analyses are complete and all questions have been answered, would be premature.

Ted Miller, Waveland resident, expressed concerns about the impact of the project for on-street parking and the loss of Waveland's 30mph speed limit.

Ron Webb, consulting engineer, indicated that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has requested certain restrictions to control vibration. He noted that of the four alternative routes considered, this route was preferred and supported by a majority of Waveland residents at a public hearing.

Steve Sperry, INDOT, noted noise level studies indicated an expected increase of 3.3 decibels of sound, well below the federal guidelines.

Ron Webb stated that the speed limit would be 30 mph through town and would permit on street parking.

John Carr stated that the staff comments remained the same as those for the presentation in October. He noted that there are three historic properties, the commercial historic district, the George Seybold Hs., and now the T. C. Steele Boyhood Home.

Board member, William Selm, asked for clarification that the major issue of concern was taking of part of the Seybold property.

John Carr responded that taking was not an issue in the historic district and there would be no taking from the Steele property, just the Seybold property.

Andrew Seager stated he believed there would be an adverse affect on National Register listed properties because of the potential for increased speed, for increased traffic, because of trucks going up grade, because of the change in grade, and because comments from townspeople are not supportive. Seager moved to deny the C of A.

William Selm seconded the motion. Chairman Goss called for a vote. Murphy, Seager, Selm voted in favor, Newman and Goss voted against so the Certificate of Approval was denied.

1. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs for a certificate of approval for repairs at West Lookout Tower in Brown County State Park by replacing deteriorated materials, removing graffiti, repairing chinking and leveling the flagstone walks in Nashville, Indiana.

Chairman Goss called on Chris Baas, DNR Division of Engineering, who explained the project.

Karie Brudis indicated the staff had no additions to the written comment.

John Newman moved to approve the certificate incorporating the staff comment. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Request by the Department of Natural Resources for a certificate of approval to alter the Crosley Bridge (bridge structure number P000-40-07-088) over the Vernon Fork of the Muscatatuck River at the Crosley State Fish and Wildlife Area in Vernon Township of Jennings County, Indiana, by cleaning, painting, replacement of the deck, and other rehabilitation activities.

Chairman Goss called on Chris Baas, DNR Division of Engineering, who explained the project. The Chairman called for a staff comment and John Carr indicated there was no additions to the written comment. John Newman requested more specificity in the sand blasting specifications and that this be worked out with staff. Newman then moved approval, Andrew Seager seconded and the motion carried.

3. Request by the Department of Administration, Public Works Division, for a certificate of approval to alter the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, by relocating the flag court, replacing existing light fixtures, replacing the concrete in the circular plaza with an exposed aggregate material, and relocating certain sidewalks.

Chairman Goss called on John Carr for a staff comment. Carr noted that until 1975-76 obelisk square was landscaped differently from the way it currently is. The intent of this project is to provide a clear line of sight from one end of the plaza to the other and retain the flags. John Newman asked for clarification of the staff's comment on lighting. William Selm asked if this project were part of the plaza master plan. Staff replied that it is not; the plan dates from the 1990s. John Newman made a motion to grant the certificate incorporating the staff comment. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Request by the Division of Indiana State Museums and Historic Sites for a certificate of approval for the stabilization of ceiling in the Formal Parlor located in the Culbertson Mansion at 914 East Main Street in New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana.

Chairman Goss called on Joellen Bye, site manager for the Culbertson historic site, who summarized the project.

Andrew Seager asked if the plaster problem could be solved with a system of plaster screws and washers. Bye responded that the area to be repaired is too large for that system. William Selm asked what impact the insertion of imperial board would have on molding profiles. Moldings will be removed and replaced to maintain profiles. Much of the painted ceiling to be covered was repainted in 1964. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the certificate incorporating the staff comment. John Newman seconded and the motion carried.

5. Request by the Department of Natural Resources for a certificate of approval to alter the grounds around the Lanier Mansion Visitors Center located in Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, by constructing a parking lot, pedestrian walkways, stairs, and a plaza.

Chairman Goss called on Chris Baas, DNR Division of Engineering, who summarized the project. The project will provide 50 parking spaces and ADA access to the visitors' center. John Carr indicated there was no additional comment to the written comment. John Newman made a motion to grant the certificate, William Selm seconded it and it carried.

6. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval for the removal and restoration of window balances in the Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Park, Marion Township, Lawrence County, Indiana.

Vicki Basman explained the nature of the project. Shana Kelso stated that the staff had nothing to add to the written comment. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the certificate. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval to repair the cornice returns on the Salmon Lusk Home at Turkey Run State Park, Sugar Creek Township, Parke County, Indiana.

Consultant Susan Becher Gilliam provided an overview of this project. There was no staff comment or discussion by the board. Andrew Seager made a motion to grant the certificate. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval to replace partitions within the restrooms of the Big Log Shelter at Turkey Run State Park, Sugar Creek Township, Parke County, Indiana.

Consultant Susan Becher Gilliam provided an overview of this project. There was no staff comment or discussion by the board. Andrew Seager made a motion to grant the certificate. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

9. Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs for a certificate of approval for the installation of additional trusses to the Hominy Ridge Shelter house roof, a revision to the scope of work originally approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board on July 30, 2003, at Salamonie River State Forest, Wabash County, Indiana.

Consultant Susan Becher Gilliam provided an overview of this project. There was no staff comment or discussion by the board. John Newman made a motion to grant the certificate, Harry Murphy seconded and the motion carried.

III. Relocation of the Yenowine-Nichols-Collins House, 5118 SR 64, Georgetown, Floyd County

Frank Hurd explained the National Register requirements for moving listed properties. He also indicated that newer information passed out to board members at the meeting replaced their packet information.

Gregory Sekula, SRO Director for HLF, explained why his organization, holder of a easement on the property, opposes the move. Sekula stated he believed the move would jeopardize the house physically and it could remain in its current location and the land around it successfully developed.

Lynda Meyer, property owner along with her husband, explained that they want to develop the property and see the house restored.

Chairman Goss asked Hurd to restate the National Register's policy and requirements for moving listed properties. Hurd explained that only properties that cannot be preserved in place should be moved according to the Register and he believed this request, if granted by the Review Board, would be turned down by the Keeper.

John Newman asked about the new location's distance from the road and if parking might be reconfigured to retain more of the setting. Lynda Meyer indicated the new location would be a greater distance from the road and the light commercial parking would be shared by several buildings.

Andrew Seager asked about HLF's position on the development of the property and Greg Sekula indicated that they believe the property can be developed successfully with the house remaining in place. He also stated estimates of moving, even a short distance, exceed \$100,000 which Landmarks believes might better be applied to the rehabilitation of the house.

One board member asked if, given the local development taking place, the house would be delisted if it remained in place. Hurd stated that the Division would not take steps to delist despite the changes to its setting.

Lynda Meyer stated alternate plans would take time and money and they are ready to get out from under the debt they have already incurred.

When asked about time frame, Greg Sekula stated he believed the consultant they were working with could produce a scheme in 30 to 60 days.

John Newman indicated that the board would probably be willing to consider a delay in its action if that would give time to develop a plan satisfactory to all parties that would insure the house's continued listing. After brief discussion, Newman made a motion to table the request until the April Board meeting, Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it passed.

IV. State and National Register Applications

1. Oak Hill Cemetery, 163-196-51459, 1400 E. Virginia Ave., Evansville, Vanderburgh County (0560)

Paul Diebold stated that the staff believes the property meets NR Criteria A and C and Criteria Consideration D. A letter of support was received from the mayor of Evansville.

John Newman made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under NR Criteria A and C and for meeting Criterion Consideration D; Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Wheeler-Schebler Carburetor Company, 1234 Barth Ave., Indianapolis, Marion County (1736)

Paul Diebold noted that the property received a preservation award from DHPA as an outstanding tax credit project.

John Newman made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under NR Criteria A and C; Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

3. The Hermitage (J. Ottis and Winifred Brady Adams House), 650 E. 8th St. Brookville, Franklin County (1741)
Paul Diebold clarified that the property was being nominated under NR Criteria A and B but not C despite its inclusion of artistic elements by the artists.
William Selm made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under NR Criteria A and B; John Newman seconded it and it carried.
4. Collett Park Neighborhood Historic District, 167-628-23000, Roughly bounded by 7th St, Maple Ave, 11th St, & Florida Ave, Terre Haute, Vigo County (1748)
There was no discussion. John Newman made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under National Register Criteria A and C; Harry Murphy seconded it and it carried.
5. Thomas R. Marshall School, 169-469-03009, 603 Bond Street, North Manchester, Wabash County (1752)
Paul Diebold noted that the school meets the registration criteria established in the Indiana Public and Common Schools multiple property document.
John Newman noted a typing error in the period of significance but made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under NR Criteria A and C; Andrew Seager seconded it and it carried.
6. Center Township Grade & High School, 139-391-07024, 929 East South Street, Mays, Rush County (1753)
Paul Diebold explained that this school too meets the registration criteria established in the Indiana Public and Common Schools multiple property document.
John Newman stated that most Indiana education historians cite Washington Township in Rush County was the first effort at school consolidation in the state and recommended adding that fact to the nomination.
William Selm made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under NR Criteria A and C; Andrew Seager seconded it and it carried.
7. Stockdale Mill, 169-543-10007, CR 700 East, Stockdale, Wabash County (1760)
Paul Diebold stated that staff believed the mill meets the registration requirements of the Grain Mills of Indiana multiple property documentation form. There was no discussion. Harry Murphy made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under NR Criterion A; Andrew Seager seconded it and it carried.
8. Bartlett Real Estate Office, 127-406-02013, 500 South Broadway, Beverly Shores, Porter County (1762)
Paul Diebold explained that the staff received a letter of objection from the Town of Beverly Shores, but because it is a publicly owned property the objection would not prohibit listing. After brief discussion John Newman made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under Criterion A and C; William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.
9. Crown Point Courthouse Square Historic District, 089-142-76000, Roughly bounded by Clark St, the alley east of Main St, Hack Ct, & Court St., Crown Point, Lake County (1764)
Frank Hurdie noted that the nomination was paid for, in part, with HPF monies that were left over from another project.
Andrew Seager made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under NR Criteria A and C; Harry Murphy seconded it and it carried.

10. Marcy Village Apartments, 4440-4561 Marcy Lane & 1401 East 46th Street, Indianapolis, Marion County (1765)
Paul Diebold explained that the property was the subject of a investment tax credit project, has been preliminarily approved by NPS, and listing is one stage of that process.
John Newman made a motion to nominate the property for its local significance under NR Criteria A and C; William Selm seconded it and it passed.

V. Grant Applications for FY2004

Steve Kennedy gave a brief overview of the proposals received for the FY2004 grant round. Mr. Kennedy noted that Congress had not yet passed the Department of the Interior Appropriation and the amount of funding available for grant projects in this cycle was unknown. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the staff requested that the Board approve the categorical rankings and recommendations for funding, with the understanding that staff would follow the guidelines set forth in the grant recommendations packet for the distribution of funds, once Indiana's 2004 HPF allocation has been determined.

Consideration of Architectural/Historical applications

Fourteen applications were received for a total request of \$237, 419; one application was withdrawn. Staff is recommending funding four CLG proposals and seven non-CLG proposals at \$144, 175.

Andrew Seager recused himself from voting. Harry Murphy made a motion to accept the staff recommendation; John Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

Consideration of Archaeological applications

Twelve applications were received for a total request of \$307, 286; one was withdrawn. Staff is recommending funding five proposals at \$130,100.

Andrew Seager and Harry Murphy recused themselves from voting. William Selm made a motion to accept the staff recommendation; John Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

Consideration of Acquisition and Development applications

Twenty one applications were received for a total request of \$679, 239; staff is recommending funding seven proposals at \$243,225.

John Newman recused himself from voting. William Selm made a motion to accept the staff recommendation; Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

I. Division Director's Report

Jon Smith gave an update on the efforts by DNR and the Dept. of Commerce to assist the City of Jeffersonville after the disastrous fire that destroyed seven buildings on Spring Street in the heart of the historic district.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.